parties and candidates evolved by the Election Commission also stipulates *inter alia* that there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes; mosques, churches, temples or other places of worship shall also not be used as forum for election propaganda. Further, in order to prevent the misuse of religious institutions for political and other purposes, the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 has been enacted.

Vacancies of LDCs in MCD

1622. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of posts of Lower Division Clerks are lying vacant in the various Departments of Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the recent past, the concerned authorities of the Corporation have drawn a panel of the candidates for the posts of LDCs who have qualified in the written examination which was conducted to promote their Class IV employees to category III; and

(c) if so, what is the latest position in this regard and by when the deserving candidates who have been enlisted in the panel will get their promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The panelists against the direct recruitment vacancies have either been appointed or have been given offers of appointment. The remaining 10 per cent vacancies reserved for recruitment on promotion from Class IV employees are to be filled up from among the candidates who qualify in the typing test which is yet to be held.

Evasion of Sales Tax and Income Tax by M/s. Pal Estate

1623. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Pal Estate, 54A Krishna Cloth Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi are evading sales tax and income-tax for the past five years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken to recover the sales tax and income tax amount from the company;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above company have invested huge amount in another company, viz., M/s. Inder Singh Harmanjit Singh, 841 Katra Neel, Chandni Chowk, Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details of transactions held between the above companies and the source of their funds being raised for the purchase of the premises presently being held by the two companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) There is no concern operating by the name of M/s. Pal Estate from 54A Krishna Cloth Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

One Shri Pal Singh is carrying on cloth and real estate business from the aforesaid premises.

Shri Pal Singh has filed his returns of Income for the assessment years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1982—83, 1984-85 and 1985—86 under the Amnesty scheme and income-tax has been paid on the income returned for these assessment years. For assessment years 1981-82 and 1983-84 returns were filed in normal course Notices have been issued to Shri Pal Singh to file income tax returns for 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(c) and (d) There is no information on record indicating any investment either in the name of Shri Pal Singh

or in the name of M|s. Pal Estate in the firm M|s. Inder Singh Harmanjit Singh, 814 Sangam Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

M|s. Inder Singh Harmanjit Singh are running their business at 814, Sangam Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi which is a rented premises. The business premises bearing No. 54A, Krishna Cloth Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi is not owned by Shri Pal Singh.

Central pension to freedom fighters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

1624. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the freedom fighters who liberated Dadra and Nagar Haveli as eligible for Central pension; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The last date for receipt of applications for grant of pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 was 31-3-1982. This Ministry have not received any application from freedom fighters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

सन [illegible] कमजोर वर्गों को बैंक ऋण दिया जाना

1625. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या समाज के कमजोर वर्ग के व्यक्तियों को वाणिज्यिक बैंकों से अधिक आसानी से ऋण उपलब्ध कराने के लिए उनके ऋण आवेदन पत्रों को निपटाने की प्रक्रिया को सरल बनाया जाएगा और क्या उनके ऋण आवेदन पत्रों को निपटाने के लिए कोई समय-सीमा निर्धारित की जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या इन वर्गों के व्यक्तियों को ऋण देने के लिए सिक्योरिटी की शर्तों को उदार बनाया जाएगा और क्या उन्हें ऐसे ऋणों पर वसूल किए जाने वाले ब्याज की दरों में कोई छूट दी जाएगी ?

वित्त संराज्य [illegible] वित्त कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडवर्ड फेलेरियो) : (क) और (ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने इस आशय के अनुदेश जारी किये हैं कि 25,000 रुपए की ऋण सीमा वाले आवेदन एक पखवाड़े के अन्दर तथा 25,000 रुपए से अधिक ऋण-सीमा वाले आवेदन 8–9 सप्ताह के अन्दर निपटा दिए जायें । शाखा प्रबन्धक आवेदन मंजूर कर सकते हैं (अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों से सम्बन्धित आवेदनों को छोड़कर) बशर्ते कि, नामंजूरी वाले मामलों का मण्डल/क्षेत्रीय प्रबन्धकों द्वारा बाद में सन्यापन किया जाए । अनुसूचित जातियों/जनजातियों से प्राप्त प्रस्ताव, शाखा प्रबन्धक से ऊपर के स्तर के अधिकारी द्वारा नामंजूर किए जा सकते हैं ।

(ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने समाज के कमजोर वर्गों के लिए पहले ही उदार प्रतिभूति तथा मार्जिन संबंधी मानदण्ड तथा उधार की रियायती ब्याज दरें निर्धारित कर रखी है ।

सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए राज्यों को दी गयी केन्द्रीय सहायता

1626. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए कमान क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण बनाये जाने के बाद क्या उन सिंचाई योजनाओं का उपयोग क्षमता के प्रतिशत में वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या मध्य प्रदेश जैसे पिछड़े राज्य में, जहां पर सिंचाई क्षमता का अधिकतम सीमा का उपयोग